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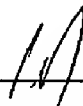
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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Sir:

Pursuant to the Restriction Requirement imposed in the Official Action dated 11 September 2002, Applicant provisionally elects the claims of Species B, i.e., Claims 42 and 43, as well as generic Claims 26 and 44, for continued prosecution herein. Please disregard Applicant's previous provisional election.

Claims 26 and 28-44 are present in the above-captioned application. Claims 32-39 were withdrawn from consideration pursuant to the Office Action dated 5 December 2001. Claims 26, 28-31 and 40-44 have now been subjected to further restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121.

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Specifically, the Official Action avers that the following inventions are present in the claims:

Species A, drawn to a method of manufacturing a liquid crystal display (LCD) comprising the step of forming pretilt angles by light irradiation (claims 28-31 and 40-41).


Species B, drawn to a method of manufacturing a liquid crystal display (LCD) comprising the steps of forming pretilt angles by a rubbing method (claims 42-43).

It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed as Species A and B are distinct from each other. Claims 26 and 44 are considered generic.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the subject matter of Species B, Claims 42 and 43, as well as generic Claims 26 and 44. However, Applicant reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims in this application. As Applicant's previous election has not yet been acted upon, and with the consent of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P., 8th Ed., § 819.01 and the telephone interview held on 24 October 2002, Applicant kindly requests this shift be permitted.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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